CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0082082 WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

for

CALIFORNIA DAIRIES, INC., LOS BANOS FOODS, INC. MERCED COUNTY

California Dairies, Inc. owns and operates Los Banos Foods, Inc., a milk processing facility in Los Banos, California. Non-contact cooling water from the Facility is discharged to the San Luis Canal, a water of the United States. The proposed permit includes new limits for chromium, copper, and salinity. The Regional Water Board will consider renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0082082 to authorize continued discharge at a public hearing concerning this matter during its meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 21/22 June 2007

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board

11020 Sun Center Dr #200 Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- California Dairies, Inc., Los Banos Foods, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **21 May 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **21 May 2007**. Written testimony or comments submitted after **21 May 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CALIFORNIA DAIRIES, INC. LOS BANOS FOODS, INC. MERCED COUNTY

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed California Dairies, Inc., Los Banos Foods, Inc., permit renewal should contact Dale Harvey at (559) 445-6190. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Water Board's internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

LOREN J. HARLOW, Assistant Executive Officer

5 June 2007